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| Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application Number | 09/145,987-Conf. #6638 |
| | Filing Date | September 3, 1998 |
| | First Named Inventor | Yukiko NAKANISHI |
| | Art Unit | 1623 |
| | Examiner Name | L. C. Maier |
| | Attorney Docket Number | 2224-0142P |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☒ Other Amendment after Final Rejection, previously filed on September 2, 2005.

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. _____. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED | | | |
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| Signature | <i>Raymond C. Stewart</i> # 28,781 | Date | October 7, 2005 |
| Name (Print/Type) | Raymond C. Stewart | Registration No. | 21,066 |

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| Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005 | | Complete if Known | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 | | Application Number | 09/145,987-Conf. #006638 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 790.00 | | Filing Date | September 3, 1998 |
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| | | Art Unit | 1623 |
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| FEE CALCULATION | | | | | | | |
| 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES | | | | | | | |
| | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | |
| | | Small Entity | | Small Entity | | Small Entity | |
| Application Type | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fees Paid (\$) |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES | | | | | | | |
| Fee Description | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | | | | | |
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 | | | | | |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 | | | | | |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 | | | | | |
| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Multiple Dependent Claims | | | |
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| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | | | | |
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| 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE | | | | | | | |
| If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). | | | | | | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | | | |
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| 4. OTHER FEE(S) | | | | | | | |
| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) | | | | | | | Fees Paid (\$) |
| Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1801 Request for continued examination (RCE) (see 37 ... | | | | | | | 790.00 |

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